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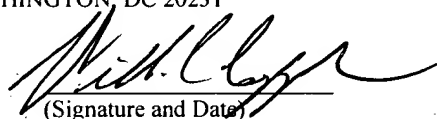
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated February 21, 2001 and due for response on March 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified Application as follows. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for an extension of three (3) months, to and including June 21, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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